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NLM Deputy Director Attends US-USSR Symposium

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Melvin Day, Deputy Director of NLM, attended the first US-USSR Symposium on Scientific and Technical Information to be organized under the US-USSR Agreement on Cooperation in the Fields of Science and Technology. Mr. Day was among eight United States information specialists from Federal agencies, industry, and universities who participated in the symposium in Moscow from June 18-19. The group then spent 10 days visiting information organizations at Moscow, Novosibirsk in Siberia, Yerevan in Armenia, and Kiev in the Ukraine.

In Moscow, the Symposium was hosted by N. B. Arutiunov, Director, Information Directorate, State Committee for Science and Technology, Council of Ministers of the USSR. Soviet specialists made several presentations concerned with the new USSR single integrated state scientific and technical information system.

On June 20-23, the U. S. group visited the All-Union Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (VINITI), the All-Union Scientific and Technical Information Center (VNTITsentr), the All-Union Research Institute of Medical and Medico-Technical Information (VNIIMI) and the State Public Library of the USSR for Science and Technology (GPNTB-SSSR).

On June 24-29, the U. S. group visited the Siberian Branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences and the Novosibirsk Center of Scientific and Technical Information, the Armenian Research Institute of Scientific and Technical Information and Technico-Economic Studies (ArmNIINTI), the Ukrainian Research Institute of Scientific and Technical Information and Technico-Economic Studies (UkrNIINTI), and the Institute of Cybernetics of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

The second half of the symposium, to be held in Washington on October 1 and 2, will include visits to NLM and to the National Medical Audiovisual Center in Atlanta. The symposium members will define areas for continued cooperation in the development of scientific and technical information dissemination, which will be reported to the Joint US-USSR Commission on Cooperation in Science to be held in Moscow in November.

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Medical and Graphics Arts Unit, subtitled "A Guide to Organizing a Medical and Graphics Arts Unit in Health Science Educational Institutions," is now available from the National Medical Audiovisual Center as part of NMAC's monograph series on biomedical communications. Written by Herbert R. Smith, Jr., of the Baylor College of Medicine, the monograph includes sections on organization, personnel, services, budgeting, facilities, and equipment.

For a copy write to the Chief, Audiovisual Systems and Application Branch, National Medical Audiovisual Center Annex, Station K, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

Publication Notes

September IM-- Serious paper shortages will cause a three-week delay in publication of the September 1973 issue of ***Index Medicus***.

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In placing a new (non-renewal) subscription order, send the order with full title, remittance, and date subscription is to begin to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Orders to begin in January 1974 should be sent in early October to allow enough time for processing; GPO does not generally furnish back issues. Full ordering information is available on the inside front cover of many NLM publications, or may be obtained by writing NLM's Office of Public Information.

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Single copies of the bibliographies listed below are available (without charge) from the Literature Search Program, Reference Section, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. *The name and address of the requestor, typed on a gummed label, must accompany all requests (no return postage necessary). Order by Literature Search number in addition to title.*

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73-20	Cholelithiasis: etiology and drug therapy. January 1970 through July 1973. 147 citations.
73-21	The microwave oven. January 1970 through July 1973. 37 citations.
73-22	Adverse effects of intrauterine devices. January 1970 through July 1973. 372 citations.
73-23	Nomenclatures, subject headings, and classifications. January 1970 through July 1973. 511 citations.
73-24	Rape. January 1970 through June 1973. 64 citations.
73-25	Adverse effects or toxicity of implant materials. January 1970 through June 1973. 215 citations.
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73-28	Child abuse. January 1970 through July 1973. 303 citations.
73-29	Chemistry of common poisonous plants. January 1970 through July 1973. 156 citations.
73-30	Chagas' disease. January 1970 through July 1973. 404 citations.
73-31	Asbestos toxicity. January 1970 through July 1973. 363 citations.

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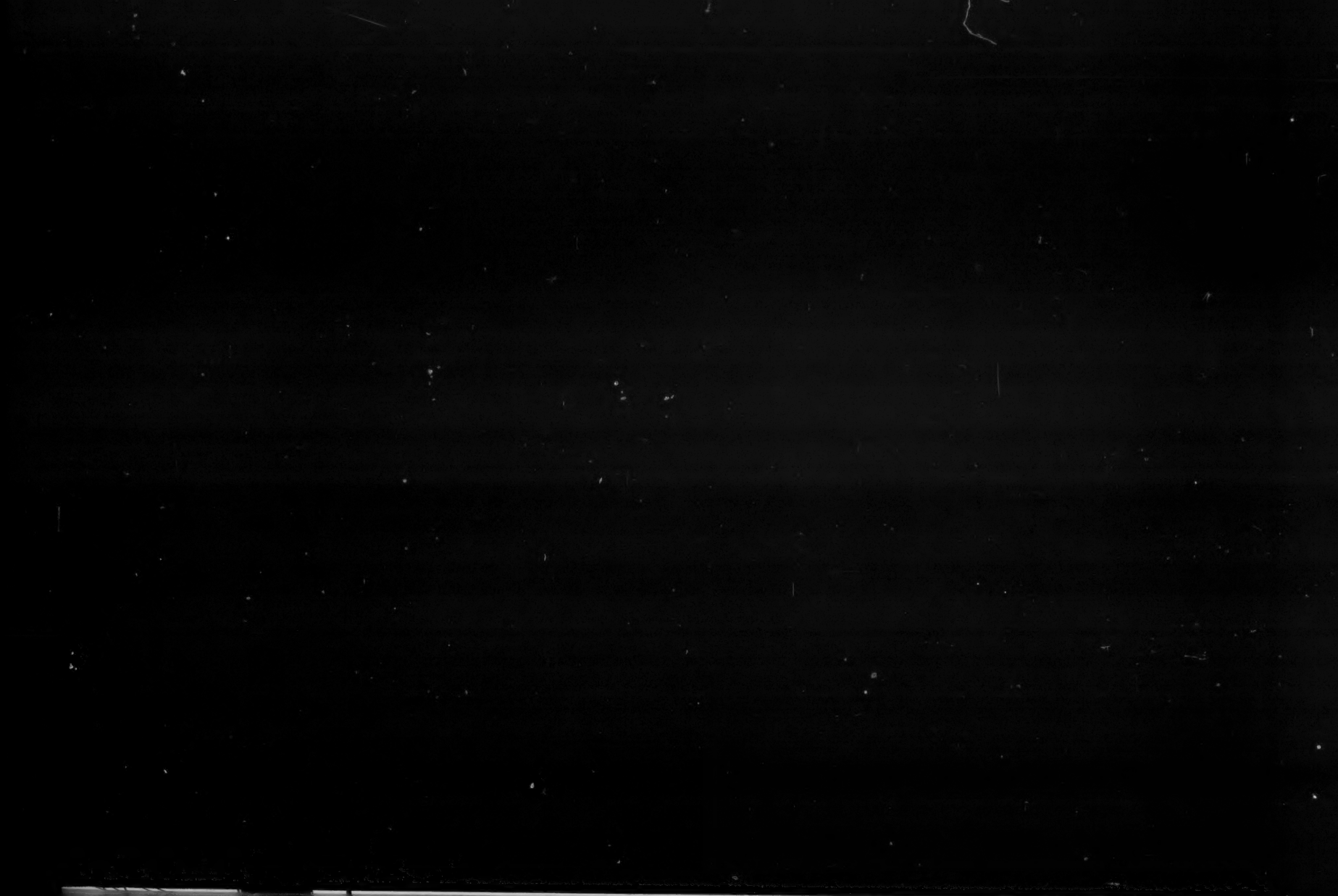
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